

(d) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of fatty acid stabilizer to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkalinity source;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant effective to provide detergency to the thickened, non-corrosive low-fuming composition said anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl sulfonate, a disulphonate compound, an alkyl ether sulfate, an alkyl ether sulfonate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, and mixtures thereof;

(f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and

(g) a balance of water;

wherein the composition is substantially free of chlorine.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said surface is substantially vertical, and wherein said composition contains at least 0.1 wt-% of at least one thickening agent.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one detergent builder is sodium tripolyphosphate.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least 0.1 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer selected from stearic acid, palmitic acid, tallow fatty acid, coco fatty acid, oleic acid, myristic acid, or mixtures thereof.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition includes at least 0.1 wt-% of a metal ion chelator.

10. (Amended) A thickened hard surface cleaning composition comprising:

(a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;

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A7 (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;

(f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and

(g) a balance of water;

wherein said composition is substantially free of chlorine.

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sub C 15. (Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises:

(a) from about 1.0 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of an alkali metal tripolyphosphate;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of sodium hydroxide.

17. (Amended) A method of cleaning a hard surface with an adherent, thickened, non-corrosive low-fuming composition, said method comprising applying said composition to the hard surface, said composition comprising:

(a) from about 0.1 to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 to about 1.0 wt-% of at least one thickener;

(c) from about 0.1 to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide alkalinity source providing a composition pH of greater than about 11;

(d) from about 0.05 to about 5 wt-% of an anionic surfactant said anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of a sulphate compound, a sulphonate compound, a disulphonate compound and mixtures thereof; and

(e) from about 0.0 to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali source wherein said composition has a viscosity ranging from about 30 to 10000 Cps at 25°C and, upon application, at least about 75 wt-% of the non-corrosive, low fuming composition adheres to the surface of application for at least about 30 minutes; and wherein the composition is substantially free of chlorine.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein upon application to a substantially vertical surface, at least about 85 wt-% of the applied cleaner adheres to the surface for a time period up to about 30 minutes.

Q9 19. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein upon application to a substantially vertical surface, at least about 95 wt-% of the applied cleaner adheres to the surface for a time period up to about 30 minutes.

20. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein said detergent builder comprises an alkali metal tripolyphosphate.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the surface comprises a material, said material selected from the group consisting of metal alloys, and enameled surfaces.

23. (Amended) A method of cleaning a hard surface, said method comprising:
applying a non-corrosive, low-fuming composition to the surface, said composition consisting essentially of:

(a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20 wt-% of an alkalinity source effective to provide a pH of from about 10 to about 14 to said composition;

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(c) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of at least one thickening agent to promote adhesion of said thickened, non-corrosive composition to the surface upon application;

(d) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of fatty acid stabilizer to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkalinity source;

(e) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant effective to provide detergency to the thickened, non-corrosive low-fuming composition said anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl sulfonate, a disulphonate compound, an alkyl ether sulfate, an alkyl ether sulfonate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, and mixtures thereof;

(f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and

(g) a balance of water.

Please add new claims 24-39 as follows:

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.5 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises one or more expandable clays.

28. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates.

29. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.5 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant.

30. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof.

31. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises one or more expandable clays.

32. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises a xantham gum.

33. (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;

(f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and

(g) a balance of water.

34. (New) The composition of claim 33, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;

(f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and

(g) a balance of water.

35. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein said composition comprises from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates.

36. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.5 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant.